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Application Number	09/955,554
Filing Date	09/18/01
First Named Inventor	Charles S. Vann
Group Art Unit	1743
Examiner Name	Patricia K. Bex
Attorney Docket Number	9692-000008/COA

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- ☐ Fee Attached
- ☐ Amendment / Response
- ☐ After Final
- ☐ Affidavits/declaration(s)

☐ Extension of Time Request☐ Express Abandonment Request☐ Information Disclosure Statement☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)☐ Response to Missing Parts/
Incomplete Application☐ Response to Missing
Parts under 37 CFR
1.52 or 1.53

- ☐ Assignment Papers
(for an Application)
- ☐ Drawing(s)
- ☐ Licensing-related Papers
- ☒ Petition
- ☐ Petition to Convert to a
Provisional Application
- ☐ Power of Attorney, Revocation
Change of Correspondence Address
- ☐ Terminal Disclaimer
- ☐ Request for Refund
- ☐ CD, Number of CD(s) _____

- ☐ After Allowance Communication to
Group
- ☐ Appeal Communication to Board of
Appeals and Interferences
- ☐ Appeal Communication to Group
(Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief)
- ☐ Proprietary Information
- ☐ Status Letter

☒ Other Enclosure(s)
(please identify below):Return Postcard, Exhibit A (3
pages), Exhibit B (18 pages
(previous submissions), Exhibit
C (1 page), Exhibit D (1 page)

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38,043

Signature

Date

June 23, 2003**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING/TRANSMISSION**

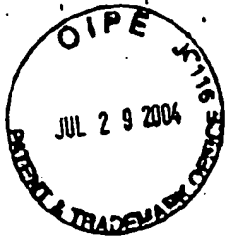
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PATENT

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Application No.: 09/955,554
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PETITION TO WITHDRAW THE HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

Sir:

A Notice of Abandonment for the above-identified application was mailed to Applicants' representative on June 10, 2003 (copy enclosed at Exhibit A). The Notice of Abandonment identifies that Applicants failed to timely reply to the Office Action mailed November 15, 2002.

Upon review of the corresponding file, it was confirmed that on January 10, 2003, a Transmittal letter, a Fee Transmittal (in duplicate), a check in the amount of \$392 (for additional claims \$198, additional independent claims \$84 and a 1 month extension of time), an 11 page response to Election/Restriction Requirement, Amendment and Petition for extension of time, Petition for Extension of time (in duplicate), Request for refund with enclosures (copy of Supplemental Preliminary amendment filed 12/4/02 and copy of check for \$456), and Return Postcard itemizing each item noted above (copy enclosed-Exhibit B) was forwarded to the United States Patent & Trademark Office via certificate of mail. Each piece of mail sent to the Director is checked and logged in a mail log. The mail log confirms mailing of the above noted items on January 10, 2003 (copy enclosed-Exhibit C). The return postcard was

acknowledged and stamped by the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office with the date of January 21, 2003 (copy enclosed-Exhibit D).

Pursuant to a phone conference of June 5 2003, with Kathryn Bex, Ms. Bex indicated that a Petition for Withdrawal of Abandonment should be submitted, along with a copy of the documents previously submitted and acknowledgement postcard as identified above.

Accordingly, Applicants are respectfully petitioning for Withdrawal of Abandonment for failure to timely file a response because Applicants did timely file a response as evidenced by the copy of the enclosed response and acknowledgement postcard. It is, therefore, respectfully requested that the above-identified application not be abandoned and the Notice of Abandonment be withdrawn and the response considered.

Should any fee be required for this petition, please charge our Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any which may be due. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Should there be any questions regarding the enclosed petition, please contact the undersigned at 248.641.1600.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: June 21, 2003



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ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER
1743	10

DATE MAILED: 06/10/2003

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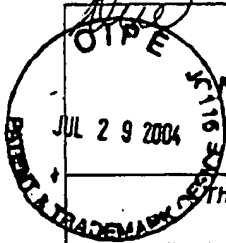
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Notice of Abandonment

Application No.	Applicant(s)	
09/955,554	VANN ET AL.	
Examiner	Art Unit	
P. Kathryn Bex	1743	

The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

This application is abandoned in view of:

1. ☒ Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on 15 November 2002.
 - (a) ☐ A reply was received on _____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated _____), which is after the expiration of the period for reply (including a total extension of time of _____ month(s)) which expired on _____.
 - (b) ☐ A proposed reply was received on _____, but it does not constitute a proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 (a) to the final rejection.
(A proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to a final rejection consists only of: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114).
 - (c) ☒ A reply was received on 09 December 2002 but it does not constitute a proper reply, or a bona fide attempt at a proper reply, to the non-final rejection. See 37 CFR 1.85(a) and 1.111. (See explanation in box 7 below.)
 - (d) ☐ No reply has been received.
2. ☐ Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
 - (a) ☐ The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, was received on _____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated _____), which is after the expiration of the statutory period for payment of the issue fee (and publication fee) set in the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
 - (b) ☐ The submitted fee of \$_____ is insufficient. A balance of \$_____ is due.
The issue fee required by 37 CFR 1.18 is \$_____. The publication fee, if required by 37 CFR 1.18(d), is \$_____.
 - (c) ☐ The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, has not been received.
3. ☐ Applicant's failure to timely file corrected drawings as required by, and within the three-month period set in, the Notice of Allowability (PTO-37).
 - (a) ☐ Proposed corrected drawings were received on _____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated _____), which is after the expiration of the period for reply.
 - (b) ☐ No corrected drawings have been received.
4. ☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by the attorney or agent of record, the assignee of the entire interest, or all of the applicants.
5. ☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by an attorney or agent (acting in a representative capacity under 37 CFR 1.34(a)) upon the filing of a continuing application.
6. ☐ The decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interference rendered on _____ and because the period for seeking court review of the decision has expired and there are no allowed claims.
7. ☒ The reason(s) below:

The reply filed on December 12, 2002 does not address the restriction requirement sent out November 11, 2002.

Jill Warden
Jill Warden
Supervisory Patent Examiner
Technology Center 1700

Petitions to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b), or requests to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181, should be promptly filed to minimize any negative effects on patent term.



Interview Summary

Application No.

09/955,554

Applicant(s)

VANN ET AL.

Examiner

P. Kathryn Bex

Art Unit

1743

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) P. Kathryn Bex.

(3) _____

(2) Richard Warner (agent).

(4) _____

Date of Interview: 06 June 2003.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☐ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____

Claim(s) discussed: NONE.

Identification of prior art discussed: NONE.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

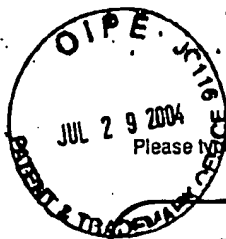
Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant indicated that he did receive the restriction requirement from other firm previously handling the case. However, Applicant stated that the PTO mail room must have lost the response to the restriction requirement sent out January 10, 2003.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

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Remarks		The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 08-0750. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

Firm or Individual name	Harness, Dickey & Pierce, P.L.C.	Attorney Name Richard W. Warner	Reg. No. 38,043
Signature			
Date	July 10, 2003		

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Signature		Date	July 10, 2003

Exhibit B



FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2003

Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) 392

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METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

☒ Check ☐ Credit card ☐ Money Order ☐ Other ☐ None

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1001	750	2001	375	Utility filing fee	
1002	330	2002	165	Design filing fee	
1003	520	2003	260	Plant filing fee	
1004	750	2004	375	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)					(\$) 0

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims		Extra Claims		Fee from below		Fee Paid
31	-20**	11	X	18		198
4	-3**	1	X	84		84
Multiple Dependent						0

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20	
1201	84	2201	42	Independent claims in excess of 3	
1203	280	2203	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
1204	84	2204	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	
SUBTOTAL (2)					(\$) 282

**or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	2053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	110
1252	410	2252	205	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	930	2253	465	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,450	2254	725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	1,970	2255	985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	320	2401	160	Notice of Appeal	
1402	320	2402	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to Institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,300	2453	650	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,300	2501	650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	470	2502	235	Design issue fee	
1503	630	2503	315	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17 (a)	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt.	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (lines number of properties)	
1809	750	2809	375	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
1810	750	2810	375	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
1801	750	2801	375	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify) _____

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SUBTOTAL (3)

(\$) 110

SUBMITTED BY

Complete (if applicable)

Name (Print/Type)	Richard W. Warner	Registration No. Attorney/Agent	38,043	Telephone	(248.641.1600)
Signature		Date	July 10, 2003		

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REQUEST FOR REFUND

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a refund of the fees paid in connection with the filing of the Supplemental Preliminary Amendment on December 4, 2002 (copy enclosed) in the above-identified application. In particular, the above Supplemental Preliminary Amendment was filed with a check for \$456.00 for sixteen (16) additional claims and two additional independent claims (copy enclosed). This Supplemental Preliminary Amendment was not entered due to the existing Election/Restriction Requirement dated November 15, 2002.


Accordingly, please credit our Account No. 08-0750 for \$456.00 calculated as follows:

- 288.00 (additional claims over twenty)
- 168.00 (additional independent claims)
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Respectfully submitted,

By:


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Dear Sir/Madam,

This is to Acknowledge receipt of your refund request in the amount of \$456.00 for patent/serial number 09955554.

Your request has been forwarded to Technical Center Others for review and processing.

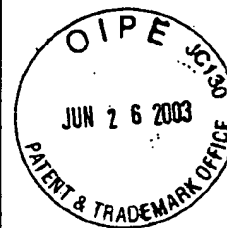
To inquire about the status of your refund request, please call 703 306-3338.

Thank you,

Refund Section, Office of Finance

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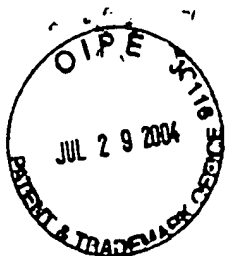
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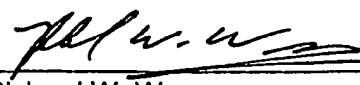
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